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83^D CONGRESS
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H. R. 107

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 1953

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9 hundred feet to the quarter line; thence along east-west
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11 west one thousand feet to the point of beginning, containing
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HOUSE - July 17

1. AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 1954. Reps. Andersen, Horan, Hunter, Laird, Taber, Whitten, Cannon, and Marshall were appointed conferees on this bill, H. R. 5227 (p. 9321). Senate conferees were appointed June 15. The conferees are to meet tonight.
2. REORGANIZATION. Rejected H. Res. 261, to disapprove Reorganization Plan No. 7, which provides for reorganization of various foreign-aid functions and agencies and the establishment of a Foreign Operations Administration. By rejecting the resolution the House voted in favor of the plan. (pp. 9327-35.)
Rejected, 11-310, H. Res. 262, disapproving Reorganization Plan No. 8, which provides for reorganization of foreign information functions and creation of a U. S. Information Agency. This action expresses House approval of the plan. (pp. 9335-48.)
3. FARM LOANS. The Agriculture Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 4158, to extend for 5 years, until 1958, the authority of the Department to make disaster loans in areas and regions where credit was formerly

made available under RACC (p. D726).

4. CROP INSURANCE. The Agriculture Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 4211, to remove the limitation on crop insurance in relation to the number of counties and specific products, and permit extension of insurance to 100 additional counties a year (p. D726).
5. FORESTRY. The Agriculture Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 5358, to prevent seizure and exploitation of land in the national forests by private individuals through abuse of the mining and mineral discovery laws (p. D726).
6. LAND TRANSFERS. The Agriculture Committee reported with amendment H. R. 2458, to authorize transfer of a tract of national forest land at Cherry Point, N. C., to the Navy Department (H. Rept. 872)(p. 9368).
The Committee reported without amendment H. R. 3097, to authorize transfer of a grape-research station to the University of California (H. Rept. 873), and H. R. 5888, to authorize transfer of the Statesville research station to N. C. (H. Rept. 874)(p. 9368).
The Committee reported with amendment H. R. 4017, to give an Ark. school district title to a tract of rural-rehabilitation land (H. Rept. 871)(p. 9368).
~~The Committee ordered reported (but did not actually report) H. R. 107, to transfer a rural-rehabilitation tract to N. Dak., and H. R. 3107, to convey a tract of national forest land to Alfred N. Sloss (p. D726).~~
7. BUILDINGS. The Public Works Committee reported without amendment H. R. 6342, to authorize the GSA to acquire real property and provide for construction of buildings thereon by executing purchase contracts (H. Rept. 875)(p. 9368).
8. TRADE AGREEMENTS. The Rules Committee/ordered reported a resolution for consideration of H. R. 5894, to modify further the trade-agreements law (p. D728). Rep. Heselton spoke against the bill (pp. 9356-60).
9. TAXATION; STORAGE FACILITIES. The "Daily Digest" states: "Committee on Ways and Means; Chairman Reed announced today that the committee had approved in principle several amendments to the Internal Revenue Code. These amendments will be embodied in a clean bill which will be introduced by him and which will be reported out of committee in the near future. One amendment...would allow an income-tax deduction for the amortization of farm storage facilities built in calendar year 1953 and in the three succeeding calendar years. The amendment would permit taxpayers to elect to amortize such facilities over a 5-year period." (p. D728.)
10. STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1954. Received the conference report on this bill, H. R. 4974. The conferees struck out the Senate provision for a census of agriculture, adopted the House figure of \$15,000,000 for forest highways (Senate, \$14,000,000), and agreed to the Senate amount of \$5,500,000 for access roads (House, \$7,500,000). (pp. 9320-1.)
11. FOREIGN AID. The Government Operations Committee reported on a fiscal analysis of U. S. international operations (H. Rept. 869)(p. 9368).
12. LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE. An article on "How Our Laws Are Made" was ordered printed as H. Doc. 210 (p. 9327).
13. ADJOURNED until Mon., July 20 (p. 9368). LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM for this week, as announced by Rep. Halleck: Mon., consent calendar; Tues., private calendar and foreign-aid appropriation bill; remainder of week, same appropriation bill, trade-agreement bill, etc. (p. 9347).

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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate passed FCA reorganization bill. House committee reported Wheat Agreement. House Rules Committee cleared trade agreements bill. House agreed to conference report on 1st independent offices appropriation bill. Both Houses agreed to conference report on State, Justice, Commerce appropriation bill. Both Houses completed congressional action on Army civil appropriation bill. Senate committee reported bill to continue sugar agreement. Sen. Johnson, Tex., urged water conservation program. Rep. Ikard criticized USDA instructions for distributing drought-relief feed. Rep. Hagen criticized USDA stand on cotton allotments.

SENATE

- FCA REORGANIZATION.** Passed H. R. 4353, to provide for reorganization of the Farm Credit Administration, with an amendment substituting the language of S. 1505 as reported. Sens. Schoeppel, Thye, Mundt, Hoey, and Holland were appointed conferees. (pp. 9693-702.)
- APPROPRIATIONS.** Both Houses agreed to the conference report on H. R. 5376, the Army civil appropriation bill (which contains flood-control items), and acted on amendments which had been reported in disagreement (pp. 9672, 9593-9). This bill will now be sent to the President.
Both Houses agreed to the conference report on H. R. 4974, the State, Justice, Commerce appropriation bill for 1954, and acted on amendments which had been reported in disagreement. Senate conferees were appointed for a further conference on one amendment in disagreement. (pp. 9658-9, 9573-82).
H. R. 5969, the defense appropriation bill, was made the unfinished business (p. 9702).
- SUGAR.** The Foreign Relations Committee reported without reservation Executive L, a protocol prolonging for 3 years after August 31, 1952, the international agreement regarding the regulation of production and marketing of sugar (S. Ex. Rept. 6)(p. 9612).
- RUBBER.** Passed with amendments H. R. 5728, providing for sale of Government rubber-producing facilities (pp. 9645, 9652-3, 9655-8, 9661-76, 9673-92).

5. SMALL BUSINESS. Senate and House conferees were appointed on H. R. 5141, to create a Small Business Administration (pp. 9651-3, 9566).
6. PERSONNEL. Passed without amendment H. R. 5228, to provide annuities for retired Comptrollers General (pp. 9645, 9651-2). This bill will now be sent to the President.
7. FOOD INSPECTION. A subcommittee of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee voted to report to the full committee H. R. 5740, to restore Food and Drug Administration authority for factory inspections (p. D746).
8. WATER CONSERVATION. Sen. Johnson, Tex., urged a water-conservation program to prevent drought and floods (pp. 9612-3, 9617).

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9. TRADE AGREEMENTS. The Rules Committee reported a resolution for consideration of H. R. 5094, to further amend the Trade Agreements Extension Act to provide additional protection to American workers, farmers, etc. (pp. 9566, 9610).
10. LAND TRANSFERS. The Agriculture Committee reported with amendment H. R. 107, to transfer the site of the original Ft. Buford to N. Dak (H. Rept. 891) (p. 9610).
A subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee voted to report to the full Committee H. R. 5605, providing that transfers of real property from certain agencies (including CCC and certain FCA agencies) shall not operate to remove such real property from local tax rolls (p. D748).
11. CONTRACTS. The Judiciary Committee reported with amendment H. R. 1825, to prescribe policy and procedure in connection with construction contracts made by executive agencies (H. Rept. 892) (p. 9610).
12. WHEAT AGREEMENT. The Banking and Currency Committee reported without amendment S. J. Res. 97, to carry out the new International Wheat Agreement (H. Rept. 893) (p. 9610).
13. APPROPRIATIONS. Agreed to the conference report on H. R. 4663, the first independent offices appropriation bill for 1954 (pp. 9583-93).
14. DROUGHT RELIEF. Reps. Ikard, Rogers (Tex.), Marshall, Rayburn, Poage, and others criticized the Department's recent telegram containing instructions for dispensing Government surplus feed in the drought area (pp. 9605-8).
15. COTTON QUOTAS. Rep. Hagen, Calif., criticized John H. Davis' testimony before the House Agriculture Committee regarding H. R. 5669, Rep Hagen's bill on cotton allotments and quotas (pp. 9608-9).
16. FOREIGN AID. Rep. Rogers, Mass., commended the President's renewed offer of food for East Germany (p. 9609).
17. WATER UTILIZATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee ordered reported (but did not actually report) S. 1197, consenting to a water compact between Nebr., Wyo., and S. Dak., and H. R. 4854, authorizing the Foster Creek irrigation works, Wash. (p. D748).

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18. SURPLUS PROPERTY. H. R. 6432, by Rep. Lantaff, to permit disposal of surplus property for State and local health programs; to Government Operations

FORT BUFORD SITE TRANSFER TO NORTH DAKOTA

JULY 21, 1953.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HOPE, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 107]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 107) to provide for the transfer of the site of the original Fort Buford, N. Dak., to the State of North Dakota, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, after the enacting clause, strike out through line 10 and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of May 3, 1950 (64 Stat. 98; 40 U. S. C. 440), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to consent to a grant, donation, and conveyance by the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation to the State of North Dakota, for the use of the North Dakota State Historical Society, of that portion of the site of the original Fort Buford, North Dakota, which is more particularly described as follows:

STATEMENT

This bill, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to consent to the conveyance by the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp. to the State of North Dakota of a certain portion of the site of the original Fort Buford, for the use of the North Dakota State Historical Society.

As originally introduced, January 3, 1953, the bill authorized and directed the Secretary to convey this property by deed to North Dakota, but subsequently the land in question was transferred (on February 21, 1953) to the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp. and now is held by this corporation for such rural-rehabilitation purposes as are permissible under its charter as may be agreed upon by the corporation and the Secretary of Agriculture.

Therefore, your committee has amended the bill to accomplish its original purpose by changing the language to embrace the changed circumstances brought about by the transfer of this property on February 21, 1953. The bill conditions the conveyance (or consent of the Secretary) upon the consent of the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota and the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp. It requires expenditure of no Federal funds.

The hearings on this bill developed some of the history of old Fort Buford that should be a part of the record of this legislation. This information was presented for Mr. Burdick, author of the bill:

The site of what was to become Fort Buford was used as a trading post as early as 1774 by the Northwest Fur Co. of Montreal, competitor of the Hudson's Bay Co. The trading post was short-lived, but in 1821 a second trading post, Fort Floyd, was located in the same general area. This post continued until 1827, when the American Fur Co. bought it out. This company flourished, and the imposing Fort Union had replaced Fort Floyd, on the same location, by 1829.

In 1833 Fort William was completed 2½ miles away, but the last was heard of this trading post sometime in the early 1840's. Fort Union and Fort William were, of course, competitors for the fur trade.

In 1866 the Government decided to build Fort Buford, as a military post, where it could better regulate traffic with the Indians. A 33-mile area was established as a military reservation. Buford was built adjacent to Fort Union, with some of the materials being taken from the old post.

Fort Buford became the base for operations against hostile Indians, and troops from there accepted the surrender of Sitting Bull upon his return from Canada, where he had taken refuge after the Custer massacre. It also was used as a camp for captured Indian prisoners, and at one time held more than a thousand.

The fort was closed by the Government about 1895, and many of the buildings were torn down or moved away. There are a few remaining buildings, however, and a military cemetery, all neglected.

Through H. R. 107 history-minded citizens of the area and the North Dakota State Historical Society hope to restore the Fort Buford site to impress its history on future citizens.

JULY 7, 1953.

HON. CLIFFORD R. HOPE,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. HOPE: This is in reply to your request of May 7, 1953, for the recommendations of this Department on H. R. 107, a bill to provide for the transfer of the site of the original Fort Buford, N. Dak., to the State of North Dakota. The bill directs the Secretary, upon the assent of the North Dakota Assembly and the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp, to convey by deed to North Dakota for the use of North Dakota State Historical Society any United States interest in a certain portion of the original Fort Buford, N. Dak., site as described in the bill.

The land described in H. R. 107, 83d Congress, 1st session, has, since introduction of the bill on January 3, 1953, been transferred (on February 21, 1953) to the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp. pursuant to its application of December 29, 1952, and is now held by said corporation for such of the rural-rehabilitation purposes permissible under its charter as may from time to time be agreed upon by the corporation and the Secretary of Agriculture or his delegates. This Department's responsibility with respect to the property is (1) regarding the rural-rehabilitation purposes for which the property shall be used, and (2) in determining that such agreed purposes are being carried out.

It is therefore recommended that the bill be changed to provide "That notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of May 3, 1950 (64 Stat. 98; 40 U. S. C. 440), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to consent to a grant, donation, and conveyance by the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation to the State of North Dakota, for the use of the North Dakota State Historical Society, of that portion of the site of the original Fort Buford, North Dakota, which is more particularly described as follows: * * *."

Since the bill conditions the conveyance (or consent of the Secretary) upon the consent of the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota and the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp., we believe that the bill would not have an adverse effect on any programs of this Department. The bill will require the expenditure of no Federal funds. For the foregoing reasons, we recommend that the bill be enacted.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE,
Under Secretary.



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interest of our colleague and others who have likewise been interested is most commendable. I make this statement in order that full credit may be given to our colleague, Mr. DEMPSEY.

With reference to the merits of the bill H. R. 5741, I direct attention to the report of the committee.

The principal purpose of this legislation is to meet an emergency deficiency in the war claims fund—established by the War Claims Act of 1948—which threatens to delay for a long time the payment of the claims of American military personnel for compulsory labor performed, and inhuman treatment suffered, by such personnel while prisoners of the enemy during World War II. There are enemy assets vested under the Trading With the Enemy Act sufficient to pay these claims, and this bill provides the authority which the Attorney General has indicated he needs to enable him to make vested funds immediately available for this purpose.

The War Claims Act of 1948 authorizes the War Claims Commission to pay certain urgent claims of American citizens arising out of World War II, including particularly the claims of American servicemen for injury resulting from violation by the enemy nations of their obligations under international law in the treatment of prisoners of war. Under that act, these high priority claims are payable, not from appropriated money, but from the war claims fund established in the Treasury by that act. The act provides that the fund shall consist of money derived from the ultimate proceeds of German and Japanese property vested in the Attorney General under the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917. In this way, compensation for the injuries done by the enemy in violation of the usages of civilized nations are met from the proceeds of the assets of enemy nations, including those of their nationals.

To accomplish this purpose, the War Claims Act added section 39 to the Trading With the Enemy Act to authorize and direct the Attorney General to cover into the Treasury the net proceeds of the German and Japanese vested property ultimately remaining after completion of administration and liquidation under the Trading With the Enemy Act, and after the payment of expenses incident thereto, and the disposition of all claims filed under that act against the individual vested properties.

However, the complications of administering enemy property have been so great that the Office of Alien Property, acting for the Attorney General, has been unable to realize these net proceeds at the rate required to pay claims of prisoners of war and others as allowed by the War Claims Commission. To avoid delay in payment of these claims, the needs of the war claims fund have been met up to now from advances made by the Attorney General under the authority granted to him by section 39 and section 5 (b) of the Trading With the Enemy Act. These sections authorize the Attorney General to use vested property for the benefit of the United States from vested property held by him. This

statutory authority, however, is limited to the transfer of these funds only which are determined to be absolutely surplus to the requirements of the Trading With the Enemy Act.

The \$150 million which has been advanced under that authority has been sufficient to permit prompt payment of nearly all of the first group of priority claims allowable under the War Claims Act of 1948. These claims included the compensation of—First, members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were captured by the enemy for the failure of their captors to provide rations as required by the Geneva Convention; second, American civilians interned by the enemy for the injuries and indignities they suffered while interned; and third, religious organizations in the Philippines, affiliated with American religious organizations, for expenditures on behalf of American prisoners of war.

During the preceding Congress, Public Law 303 was enacted extending the provisions of the War Claims Act. These new amendments authorized the War Claims Commission to pay American military personnel compensation for compulsory labor or inhumane treatment during imprisonment as prisoners of war. There are 190,729 claims filed by servicemen or their survivors under the provisions of Public Law 303. Of these, 61,985, have already been paid from the \$150 million previously advanced to the war claims fund by the Attorney General. The war claims fund was exhausted at this point, with the result that some of these former prisoners of war have been paid in full, while unfortunately others whose claims have been adjudicated by the War Claims Commission as equally entitled to payment have not been paid at all. The War Claims Commission has suspended payment of these claims for a period of several months while the claimants are forced to wait for funds to be provided to pay already adjudicated claims.

In addition, there remains to be paid awards made so far by the Commission to religious organizations under Public Law 303 in the amount of \$4,360,882.72. Like the prisoner-of-war claims, these cannot be paid until the additional money is supplied to the war claims fund.

The Commission estimates that to pay all of the claims authorized by Public Law 303 will require an additional \$60 million. The estimates furnished by the Office of Alien Property indicate that the amount which will be ultimately realized from enemy property is substantially in excess of that amount. Testimony before the committee shows that, after establishing reserves of \$194 million for claims and suits under the Trading With the Enemy Act, there remains an estimated \$89 million which should eventually be available for the war claims fund. Therefore, the transfer of \$60 million of these funds provides a simple and safe solution of the present emergency deficit in the war claims fund.

Mr. BYRNES of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, in view of the explanation given I withdraw my reservation of objection.

(Mr. HESELTON asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD.)

Mr. HESELTON. Mr. Speaker, I am heartily in favor of the bill which is before us and which was reported by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. I think, however, it might be appropriate for me to mention at this point that there is pending before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce another bill which has the purpose of amending section 7 of the War Claims Act of 1948, with respect to claims of certain religious organizations functioning in the Philippine Islands which were disapproved because of a construction or a ruling as to the meaning of the word "affiliated." I am confident that the Congress did not intend such a restrictive construction to be placed upon that word and the bill which I have filed, H. R. 5722, probably would satisfactorily clarify the congressional intention. However, I do want to add that the subject matter is being still further studied and if it becomes necessary to file another bill, I shall do so.

The text of H. R. 5722 is as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That, effective as of July 3, 1948, section 7 of the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

"(h) For the purposes of this section, a religious organization functioning in the Philippines shall be held and considered to be affiliated with a religious organization in the United States if it is of the same denomination as a religious organization functioning in the United States."

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (f) of such section 7 relating to the time within which claims must be filed, adjudicated, and paid, in any case where a claim heretofore has been rejected upon the basis of a decision that a religious organization functioning in the Philippines was not affiliated with a religious organization in the United States, the claimant may, within 90 days after date of the enactment of this act, make a request in writing to the War Claims Commission for reconsideration of the claim. Thereupon the Commission shall reconsider the claim, and, not later than March 31, 1954, shall adjudicate such claim under the provisions of such section 7, as such provisions are amended by this act, and provide for payment thereof if the claimant is entitled to payment under such provisions as so amended.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 39 of the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: "Notwithstanding anything contained in this act, the Attorney General is authorized and directed, immediately upon the enactment of this amendatory provision, to cover into the Treasury of the United States, for deposit into the War Claims Fund (created by section 13 (a) of the War Claims Act of 1948), from property vested in him under this act, such sum, not to exceed \$60,000,000, as may be necessary to satisfy awards under the War Claims Act of 1948, in addition to the sum of \$150,000,000 heretofore covered into the Treasury of the United States for deposit into the War Claims Fund."

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent House Resolution 350 was laid on the table.

FORT BUFORD, N. DAK.

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There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to convey to the State of North Dakota for the use of the North Dakota State Historical Society by deed without warranties express or implied, any interest the United States may have or the Secretary of Agriculture as trustee for the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation may have, in a portion of the site of the original Fort Buford, N. Dak., which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the east-west quarter line, said point being located south eighty-nine degrees fifty-four minutes east two thousand three hundred and fifteen feet from the west quarter corner of section 16, in township 152 north, range 104 west, of the fifth principal meridian, Williams County, N. Dak.; thence north no degrees six minutes east one thousand four hundred feet; thence south eighty-nine degrees fifty-four minutes east one thousand feet; thence south no degrees six minutes west one thousand four hundred feet to the quarter line; thence along east-west quarter line north eighty-nine degrees fifty-four minutes west one thousand feet to the point of beginning, containing thirty-two and fourteen one-hundredths acres, more or less, in said section.

Sec. 2. The conveyance authorized in the first section shall not be made until the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota and the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation have assented thereto.

With the following committee amendment:

On page 1, after the enacting clause, strike out through line 10 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "That, notwithstanding the provisions of the act of May 3, 1950 (64 Stat. 98; 40 U. S. C. 440), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to consent to a grant, donation, and conveyance by the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation to the State of North Dakota, for the use of the North Dakota State Historical Society, of that portion of the site of the original Fort Buford, N. Dak., which is more particularly described as follows."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

INTERSTATE WATER COMPACT BETWEEN NEBRASKA, WYOMING, AND SOUTH DAKOTA

The Clerk called the bill (S. 1197) granting the consent of Congress to the negotiation by the States of Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota of certain compacts with respect to the use of waters common to two or more of said States.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the consent of Congress is hereby given—

(1) to the States of Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota to negotiate a compact providing for an equitable division and apportionment among the said States of the waters of the Niobrara River and its tributaries;

(2) to the States of Nebraska and South Dakota to negotiate a compact providing for an equitable division and apportionment between said States of the waters of Ponca Creek and its tributaries; and

(3) to the States of Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota or any two of them to negotiate a compact or compacts relating to the extraction and use of ground waters from sources common to the compacting States.

No compact, the negotiation of which is authorized by this act, shall be binding or obligatory upon any of the parties thereto unless the negotiations shall have been participated in by a suitable person or persons who shall be appointed by the President to represent the United States and shall make report to the Congress on the proceedings and on the compact and until that compact shall have been ratified by the legislatures of each of the States concerned and approved by the Congress. Nothing contained in any compact negotiated under this act shall be construed as affecting the obligations of the United States of America to Indian tribes. The authority given by this act shall, unless otherwise continued by the Congress, expire 5 years from the date of its approval.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BI-STATE PARK AND/OR RECREATIONAL AREA BY THE STATES OF KENTUCKY AND VIRGINIA

The Clerk called House Joint Resolution 268, granting the consent of Congress to the negotiation of a compact relating to the establishment of a bi-State park and/or recreational area by the States of Kentucky and Virginia.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I shall not object, the distinguished gentleman from Virginia [Mr. WAMPLER] and I introduced identical bills authorizing the States of Kentucky and Virginia to negotiate and enter into a contract to develop the Breaks on the Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River as a bi-State park and recreational area. No appropriation of funds is involved. The Department of the Interior recommends the enactment of this legislation and the Bureau of the Budget has no objection.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the House joint resolution?

There being no objection, the Clerk read the House joint resolution, as follows:

Resolved, etc., That the consent of Congress is hereby given to the States of Kentucky and Virginia to negotiate and enter into a compact providing for the development of the Breaks on the Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River, as a bi-State park. Such compact shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the parties thereto un-

less and until it shall have been ratified by the legislatures of the States of Kentucky and Virginia and approved by the Congress of the United States.

The House joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 4158) to extend for 5 years the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans for the purpose of making available in any area or region credit formerly made available to such area or region by the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. HARRISON of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I wonder if I may have an explanation of this bill?

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, this bill merely allows a more liberal credit arrangement in the case of fruit growers, fur farmers and others that have to have more than the Federal limitation of the Farmers Home Administration.

Mr. HARRISON of Virginia. Am I correct that that more liberal credit is restricted to certain areas of fruit growers?

Mr. HORAN. As far as I understand, it is not.

Mr. HARRISON of Virginia. As I read the title of the bill it says: making available in any area or region credit formerly made available to such area or region. I wonder if the Eastern Appalachian area is included in that?

Mr. HORAN. As far as I understand it, if the Secretary of Agriculture feels free to recognize an area where this type of loan has to be made, he may do so.

Mr. HARRISON of Virginia. I wonder if the gentleman would have any objection to a request that consideration of this bill be postponed?

Mr. HORAN. I have no objection.

Mr. HARRISON of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that this bill be passed over without prejudice.

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I hope we can have action on this today.

Mr. HARRISON of Virginia. I think we can if proper areas are included.

Mr. HORAN. I understand this bill will then be moved to the foot of the calendar?

The SPEAKER. It is at the foot of the calendar now.

Mr. FORD. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would like to ask the gentleman from Washington, what it does is to make the credit terms more liberal than they have been in the past under existing legislation?

Mr. HORAN. To begin with, I would like to say that all of the loans made under this program have been repaid. The repayment program is very good. What it does is to raise the loan limitation. It extends existing law.

amendment S. Con. Res. 40, requesting that "United States of America" be placed on exported American-made goods (H. Rept. 967)(p. 10228).

21. PUBLIC LANDS; RECLAMATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendment H. R. 4646, providing for the exchange of public lands for private sustained-yield timber lands which are acquired in connection with Federal projects (H. Rept. 972); S. 887, permitting exchange and amendment of farm units on Federal irrigation projects (H. Rept. 977); H. R. 2839, enabling the Hawaiian Homes Commission to exchange certain lands for public lands (H. Rept. 979); and H. R. 5731, authorizing the De Luz Dam, Calif. (H. Rept. 984)(p. 10228).
22. BUDGETING; PROPERTY. The Government Operations Committee reported with amendment H. R. 2, to provide that Federal expenditures shall not exceed revenues except under certain conditions (H. Rept. 981); and without amendment H. R. 6382, to extend until June 30, 1954, the period during which GSA may conduct negotiated sales of surplus property (H. Rept. 982)(p. 10228).
23. IMMIGRATION. The Judiciary Committee reported with amendment H. R. 6481, to authorize entry of refugees, etc., into this country (H. Rept. 974), and the Rules Committee reported a resolution for its consideration (p. 10228).
24. TAXATION; PAYROLLING. The Ways and Means Committee reported with amendment H. R. 6413, to permit the Federal Government to withhold from employees' wages certain municipal taxes (H. Rept. 992)(p. 10229).
25. WATER COMPACT. Passed without amendment S. 1197, consenting to a water compact between Nebr., Wyo., and S. Dak. (p. 10140). This bill will now be sent to the President.
26. ELECTRIFICATION. Passed without amendment H. R. 3598, to consolidate the Parker and Davis Dam projects (p. 10133).
27. MINERALS. Passed with amendment S. 2220, to amend the mineral leasing laws regarding pipelines passing through the public domain (pp. 10132, 10143-4).
Passed with amendment S. 1397, relating to mining claims located on land with respect to which a permit or lease has been issued, or an application of offer for permit or lease has been made, under the mineral leasing laws, etc., after Rep. Gavin first objected and spoke about his concern for protection of the surface values on national forest land (pp. 10133, 10141).
28. LAND TRANSFERS. Passed as reported H. R. 1797, to convey certain land to Eastern Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College (pp. 10133-5).
Passed as reported H. R. 2458, to authorize transfer of a tract of national forest land at Cherry Point, N. C., to the Navy (p. 10137).
Passed without amendment H. R. 3097, to authorize transfer of a grape-research station to the U. of Calif. (pp. 10137-8).
Passed without amendment H. R. 5883, to authorize transfer of a cotton field station to N. C. (p. 10138).
Passed as reported H. R. 107, to provide for transfer of the site of the original Ft. Buford, N. Dak., to N. Dak. (p. 10140).
29. ORCHARD LOANS. Passed without amendment H. R. 4158, to extend for 5 years the USDA authority to make certain loans to orchardists in the Pacific Northwest (pp. 10140-1, 10144).
30. PERSONNEL. Passed as reported H. R. 6185, to amend the Veterans' Preference Act with respect to disabled veterans (p. 10142).

31. APPROPRIATIONS. Received the second conference report on H. R. 4663, the 1st independent offices appropriation bill, 1954 (H. Rept. 997)(pp. 10220-2).
Received the conference report on H. R. 5246, the Labor-HEW appropriation bill for 1954 (H. Rept. 995)(pp. 10222-5).
Received the conference report on H. R. 5471, the D. C. appropriation bill for 1954 (H. Rept. 996)(pp. 10225-6).
32. BANKING AND CURRENCY. Rep. Patman claimed the Federal Reserve Board has "launched a propaganda drive for permanent controls over installment credit which are nothing more than trade controls" (pp. 10218-20).
Rep. Deane discussed the Government's fiscal policy and the impact of recent interest-rate increases on the economy (pp. 10211-17).
33. RUBBER. Received the conference report on H. R. 5728, to dispose of Government rubber-producing plants (H. Rept. 999)(pp. 10182-7).
34. REORGANIZATION. Rep. Brown of Ohio, Rep. Holifield, Joseph P. Kennedy, and Sidney A. Mitchell were appointed to the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government (p. 10125).
35. CREDIT UNIONS. Passed without amendment S. 873, to amend the D. C. Credit Unions Act to bring it into line with the Federal Credit Unions Act (p. 10160). This bill will now be sent to the President.
36. SMALL BUSINESS. Agreed to the conference report on H. R. 514, to create a Small Business Administration (pp. 10172-82).
37. FOUNDATIONS INVESTIGATION. Agreed to, with amendment, H. Res. 217, to create a select committee to investigate foundations (pp. 10188-203).

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38. PROPERTY. H. R. 6534, by Rep. Bender, to provide for Federal payments in lieu of taxes on property; to Interior and Insular Affairs (p. 10229).
H. J. Res. 310, by Rep. Mason, relating to prohibitions upon giving or lending of Government property to any foreign government or international organization; to Judiciary Committee (p. 10230).
39. REORGANIZATION. H. R. 6535, by Rep. Dodd, to amend the Reorganization Act of 1939 so as to authorize either House to disapprove specific provisions in reorganization plans; to Government Operations Committee (p. 10229).
40. PERSONNEL. H. R. 6537, by Rep. Forand, and H. R. 6539, by Rep. Mason, to amend the Social Security Act to provide unemployment insurance for Federal civilian employees; to Ways and Means Committee (p. 10229).
41. CLAIMS. H. R. 6541, by Rep. Miller, Calif., to extend the time for filing claims on behalf of certain claimants; to Judiciary Committee (p. 10229).
42. MINERALS. H. R. 6543, by Rep. Pfof, to create a Department of Mineral Resources; to Government Operations Committee (p. 10229).
43. POSTAL RATES. H. R. 6544, by Rep. Reams, to establish a postal rate-making procedure under the executive department; to Post Office and Civil Service Committee (pp. 10229-30).
44. WOOL. H. R. 6548, by Rep. Hagen, Calif., to amend the Tariff Act to encourage

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H. R. 107

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28 (legislative day, JULY 27), 1953

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

AN ACT

To provide for the transfer of the site of the original Fort
Buford, North Dakota, to the State of North Dakota.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of May 3;
4 1950 (64 Stat. 98; 40 U. S. C. 440) the Secretary of Ag-
5 riculture is authorized to consent to a grant, donation, and
6 conveyance by the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Cor-
7 poration to the State of North Dakota, for the use by the
8 North Dakota State Historical Society, of that portion of
9 the site of the original Fort Buford, North Dakota, which is
10 more particularly described as follows:

11 Beginning at a point on the east-west quarter line, said

1 point being located south eighty-nine degrees fifty-four
 2 minutes east two thousand three hundred and fifteen feet
 3 from the west quarter corner of section 16, in township 152
 4 north, range 104 west, of the fifth principal meridian, Wil-
 5 liams County, North Dakota; thence north no degrees six
 6 minutes east one thousand four hundred feet; thence south
 7 eighty-nine degrees fifty-four minutes east one thousand feet;
 8 thence south no degrees six minutes west one thousand four
 9 hundred feet to the quarter line; thence along east-west
 10 quarter line north eighty-nine degrees fifty-four minutes
 11 west one thousand feet to the point of beginning, containing
 12 thirty-two and fourteen one-hundredths acres, more or less,
 13 in said section.

14 SEC. 2. The conveyance authorized in the first section
 15 shall not be made until the Legislative Assembly of the State
 16 of North Dakota and the North Dakota Rural Rehabilita-
 17 tion Corporation have assented thereto.

Passed the House of Representatives July 27, 1953.

Attest:

LYLE O. SNADER,

Clerk.

101 H. R. 101

VIA A.C.T.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.
JANUARY 1, 1901

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JULY 28 (legislative day, JULY 27), 1953

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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate passed agricultural appropriation bill. Senate committee voted to report bills to extend Commodity Exchange Act to onions and increase fees, authorize additional contract research, authorize banks for cooperatives to issue consolidated debentures, and modify peanut allotment legislation. Sen. Beall commended President's farm program. Rep. Yorty criticized flexible price supports and USDA dairy program. Rep. Hope introduced bill to increase market development and acquire agricultural information in foreign countries.

SENATE

1. AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 1955. Passed with amendments this bill, H. R. 8779 (pp. 7070-91). (See page 5 for excerpts from Senate committee report.)
Sens. Young, Ferguson, McCarthy, Mundt, Aiken, Russell, Hayden, and McCarran were appointed conferees (p. 7091).

Agreed to the following amendments:

- By Sen. Douglas, to increase the authorization for REA electrification loans from \$100,000,000 to \$135,000,000; by a vote of 42 to 40. A motion was made to reconsider the vote, and that motion was laid on the table by a vote of 43 to 39. (pp. 7070-83.)
By Sen. Monroney, to increase the item for watershed protection from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 (pp. 7089-90).
By Sen. Eastland, to amend the language of the Marketing Service appropriation so as to require the opening of three cotton classing offices in Miss. (p. 7091).
By Sen. Welker, to increase the item for White Pine Blister Rust Control by \$60,000 (p. 7091).

Rejected the following amendments:

- By Sen. Long, to increase the School Lunch Program by \$10,000,000 for non-food assistance, by a vote of 39 to 43 (pp. 7084-7).
By Sen. Morse, to increase the contingency authorization for electrification loans from \$35,000,000 to \$70,000,000, by a vote of 22 to 61 (pp. 7087-9).

2. COMMODITY EXCHANGES; RESEARCH; PEANUTS; FARM LOANS; LAND TRANSFERS. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 6435, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to include onions (amendment would provide that the bill take effect 60 days after enactment); and without amendment S. 2367, to authorize this Department to contract for research on projects in addition to those covered by the Research and Marketing Act; S. 2715, to permit peanut farmers to come under price supports, under certain circumstances, without penalty for exceeding their acreage allotments; S. 3207, to authorize the Secretary to fix reasonable fees and charges under the Commodity Exchange Act for registration and renewal; S. 3487, to authorize the Central Bank for Cooperatives and the regional banks for cooperatives to issue consolidated debentures; S. J. Res. 134, to direct the Secretary to quitclaim retained rights to a tract of former FHA land to the Board of Education of Irwin County, Ga.; H. R. 107, to provide for transfer to N. Dak. of a former tract of FHA land at Fort Buford; H. R. 3097, to donate the USDA Grape Station at Oakville, Calif., to the University of California; and H. R. 4017, to convey certain land and improvements (formerly FHA) to the England Special School District, Ark. (p. D614).

3. PERSONNEL. S. 2728, to authorize the collection of indebtedness of military and civilian personnel resulting from erroneous payments, was made the unfinished business (p. 7109).
4. CCC AUDIT. Received the GAO audit report on CCC, part 2, for the fiscal year 1952 (p. 7062).
5. RECLAMATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendments S. 3336, to include Nevada among the States authorized to negotiate a compact for apportioning Columbia River waters (S. Rept. 1494) (p. 7062).
6. PRICE SUPPORTS. Sen. Beall commended the President's farm program and inserted a Frederick (Md.) Chamber of Commerce resolution on this matter (p. 7064).

HOUSE

7. SOCIAL SECURITY. Rep. Elliott spoke in favor of H. R. 9366, the social security bill (p. 7112).
8. PUBLIC LANDS. A subcommittee voted to report to the full Interior and Insular Affairs Committee H. R. 8896, to amend the mineral leasing laws to provide for multiple mineral development of the same tracts of public lands (p. D617).
9. EDUCATION. The Veterans' Affairs Committee reported with amendment H. R. 9395, to provide 2 additional years for initiating a course of training under the Korean GI bill (H. Rept. 1704) (p. 7130).
10. LOBBYING. Received the quarterly report of registrations under the Lobbying Act (pp. 7132-67).

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11. RICE IMPORTS. S. 3545, by Sen. Ellender (for himself and others), and H. R. 9418, by Rep. Thompson of La., to remove Patna rice from the free list; to House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee (pp. 7063, 7131).
12. SOIL CONSERVATION. H. R. 9419, by Rep. Young, "to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act"; to Agriculture Committee (p. 7131).

CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF FORT BUFORD SITE TO NORTH DAKOTA

JUNE 3 (legislative day, MAY 13), 1954.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 107]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 107) to provide for the transfer of the site of the original Fort Buford, N. Dak., to the State of North Dakota, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This bill would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to consent to the conveyance of certain land, as is more fully described in the attached report to the House of Representatives by the Committee on Agriculture (H. Rept. 891). No property rights of the United States are involved. House Report 891 is as follows:

[H. Rept. No. 891, 83d Cong., 1st sess.]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 107) to provide for the transfer of the site of the original Fort Buford, N. Dak., to the State of North Dakota, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendment and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, after the enacting clause, strike out through line 10 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "That, notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of May 3, 1950 (64 Stat. 98; 40 U. S. C. 440), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to consent to a grant, donation, and conveyance by the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation to the State of North Dakota, for the use of the North Dakota State Historical Society, of that portion of the site of the original Fort Buford, North Dakota, which is more particularly described as follows:".

STATEMENT

This bill, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to consent to the conveyance by the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp. to the State of North Dakota of a certain portion of the site of the original Fort Buford, for the use of the North Dakota State Historical Society.

As originally introduced, January 3, 1953, the bill authorized and directed the Secretary to convey this property by deed to North Dakota, but subsequently the land in question was transferred (on February 21, 1953) to the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp. and now is held by this corporation for such rural-rehabilitation purposes as are permissible under its charter as may be agreed upon by the corporation and the Secretary of Agriculture.

Therefore, your committee has amended the bill to accomplish its original purpose by changing the language to embrace the changed circumstances brought about by the transfer of this property on February 21, 1953. The bill conditions the conveyance (or consent of the Secretary) upon the consent of the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota and the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp. It requires expenditure of no Federal funds.

The hearings on this bill developed some of the history of old Fort Buford that should be a part of the record of this legislation. This information was presented for Mr. Burdick, author of the bill:

The site of what was to become Fort Buford was used as a trading post as early as 1774 by the Northwest Fur Co. of Montreal, competitor of the Hudson's Bay Co. The trading post was short-lived, but in 1821 a second trading post, Fort Floyd, was located in the same general area. This post continued until 1827, when the American Fur Co. bought it out. This company flourished, and the imposing Fort Union had replaced Fort Floyd, on the same location, by 1829.

In 1833 Fort William was completed 2½ miles away, but the last was heard of this trading post sometime in the early 1840's. Fort Union and Fort William were, of course, competitors for the fur trade.

In 1866 the Government decided to build Fort Buford, as a military post, where it could better regulate traffic with the Indians. A 33-mile area was established as a military reservation. Buford was built adjacent to Fort Union, with some of the materials being taken from the old post.

Fort Buford became the base for operations against hostile Indians, and troops from there accepted the surrender of Sitting Bull upon his return from Canada, where he had taken refuge after the Custer massacre. It also was used as a camp for captured Indian prisoners, and at one time held more than a thousand.

The fort was closed by the Government about 1895, and many of the buildings were torn down or moved away. There are a few remaining buildings, however, and a military cemetery, all neglected.

Through H. R. 107 history-minded citizens of the area and the North Dakota State Historical Society hope to restore the Fort Buford site to impress its history on future citizens.

JULY 7, 1953.

HON. CLIFFORD R. HOPE,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. HOPE: This is in reply to your request of May 7, 1953, for the recommendations of this Department on H. R. 107, a bill to provide for the transfer of the site of the original Fort Buford, N. Dak., to the State of North Dakota. The bill directs the Secretary, upon the assent of the North Dakota Assembly and the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp., to convey by deed to North Dakota for the use of North Dakota State Historical Society any United States interest in a certain portion of the original Fort Buford, N. Dak., site as described in the bill.

The land described in H. R. 107, 83d Congress, 1st session, has, since introduction of the bill on January 3, 1953, been transferred (on February 21, 1953) to the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp. pursuant to its application of December 29, 1952, and is now held by said corporation for such of the rural-rehabilitation purposes permissible under its charter as may from time to time be agreed upon by the corporation and the Secretary of Agriculture or his delegates. This Department's responsibility with respect to the property is (1) regarding the rural-rehabilitation purposes for which the property shall be used, and (2) in determining that such agreed purposes are being carried out.

It is therefore recommended that the bill be changed to provide "That notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of May 3, 1950 (64 Stat. 98; 40 U. S. C. 440), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to consent to a grant, donation, and conveyance by the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation to the State of North Dakota, for the use of the North Dakota State Historical Society, of that portion of the site of the original Fort Buford, North Dakota, which is more particularly described as follows: * * *."

Since the bill conditions the conveyance (or consent of the Secretary) upon the consent of the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota and the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corp., we believe that the bill would not have an adverse effect on any programs of this Department. The bill will require the expenditure of no Federal funds. For the foregoing reasons, we recommend that the bill be enacted.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE,
Under Secretary.

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83^D CONGRESS
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H. R. 107

[Report No. 1503]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28 (legislative day, JULY 27), 1953

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

JUNE 3 (legislative day, MAY 13), 1954

Reported by Mr. YOUNG, without amendment

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17 tion Corporation have assented thereto.

Passed the House of Representatives July 27, 1953.

Attest:

LYLE O. SNADER,

Clerk.

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Reported without amendment

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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate passed: Interior appropriation bill, authority for additional contract research, modification of peanut-allotment legislation, authority for increased fees under Commodity Exchange Act. House passed bills to: Increase excess-tobacco penalty; authorize additional emergency farm loans. House committee reported Labor-HEW appropriation bill (June 4). Rep. Moss spoke in favor of Federal pay raise. Rep. Rees introduced bill to provide group life insurance for Government employees. Sen. Butler, Nebr., commended REA progress under this Administration.

SENATE

1. RESEARCH. Passed without amendment S. 2367, authorizing USDA research appropriations to be available for accomplishing their purposes by contract (this authority is now limited to research under the Research and Marketing Act)(p.7255).
2. COMMODITY EXCHANGES. Passed without amendment S. 3207, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act so as to authorize the Secretary to fix reasonable fees for registrations, renewals, and copies of registration certificates issued to futures commission merchants and floor brokers (present law authorizes a maximum fee of \$10)(p. 7255).
3. PEANUT QUOTAS. Passed without amendment S. 2715, to eliminate the exaction of liquidated damages under peanut price support programs in addition to penalties under the marketing quota regulations in those cases where a farmer fails to comply with an undertaking not to pick and thresh peanuts from overplanted acreage (p. 7255).
4. LAND TRANSFER. Passed without amendment H. R. 107, to provide for transfer of the site of the original Fort Buford to N. Dak. (p. 7254). This bill will now be sent to the President.
5. STATISTICS. Passed without amendment H. R. 8487, to authorize the censuses of manufactures, mineral industries, and other businesses to be taken in 1955 for 1954 (instead of being taken in 1954 for 1953)(pp. 7249-50). This bill will now be sent to the President.

6. FARM PROGRAM. The "Daily Digest" states: "Committee on Agriculture and Forestry ...met in executive session for the consideration of S. 3052, ...following which it was announced that the first problem to be worked out was that concerning diverted acreage. Committee will meet again tomorrow jointly with the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture." (p. D636.)
7. FARM LOANS. Received from FCA a proposed bill to authorize production credit associations to pay dividends on class A stock without paying dividends on class B stock, to pledge securities representing investments of their guaranty funds, and to pay dividends on class A or class C stock without regard to the provisions of section 22 of the Farm Credit Act of 1933, and to authorize production credit corporations to invest in class C stock of production credit associations without affecting the tax status of such associations; to Agriculture and Forestry Committee (pp. 7245-6). Also received in the House; to Agriculture Committee (p. 7369).
8. WATER CONSERVATION. Passed as reported S. 3336, to include Nevada and Utah among the States which are authorized to negotiate a compact providing for apportionment of Columbia River waters (p. 7254).
9. ELECTRIFICATION. Sen. Morse inserted his speech, "Oregon's Stake in Cheap Power" (pp. 7305-9).
10. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL, 1955. Passed as reported this bill, H. R. 8680 (pp. 7265-301). Senate conferees were appointed (p. 7301). Following are excerpts from the committee report on this bill:
 - Limitations. "The committee recommends the deletion of the limitations inserted by the House on the amounts that may be expended for personal services and for other types of expenses. It is the view of the committee that limitations should be resorted to only when there has been a disregard of the intent of the Congress... such limitations are costly to administer and are likely to impair efficient operations..."
 - Salt-water research. "The committee recommends...\$400,000, the budget estimate, for this activity... The committee urges the officials in charge of this program to take advantage of personnel employed in the Department having technical qualifications in this field."
 - Range management. "While the committee is in accord generally, with the view of the House committee that reseeding is a highly desirable method of weed control, no specific amount has been earmarked within the amount allowed for this purpose."
 - Reclamation. "Development farms.—The committee recommends that the development-farm program be continued, and has included funds in the bill for that purpose. The committee feels that this program is necessary on new irrigation projects, in order that the local people will have some idea of the complexities involved in irrigation farming. There is, however, some doubt in the mind of the committee as to whether this is a proper activity for the Bureau of Reclamation. The committee urges the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget to give this matter their immediate attention, with the view in mind of presenting a sound development farm program in the budget for fiscal year 1956."The committee approved a provision to transfer items for legal expense from the various bureaus and agencies to the Solicitor's Office.
11. FARM LOANS. Passed as reported H. R. 8748, to authorize the Secretary to make emergency loans to farmers and stockmen, aggregating not to exceed \$15 million,

Be it enacted, etc., That the first sentence of the next to last paragraph of section 3951 of the revised statutes, as amended (39 U. S. C. 434), is amended by striking out the words "1 year" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "6 months."

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill relating to the renewal of star-route and screen vehicle service contracts."

BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (H. R. 2848) to amend section 89 of the Hawaiian Organic Act, as amended, was announced as next in order.

Mr. GORE. Over.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

TRANSFER OF LAND FROM THE WAR DEPARTMENT TO THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII

The bill (H. R. 2849) to amend the act entitled "An act to authorize the transfer of land from the War Department to the Territory of Hawaii," approved June 19, 1936, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN LANDS BY THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

The bill (H. R. 5831) to enable the Hawaiian Homes Commission of the Territory of Hawaii to exchange available lands as designated by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, for other publicly owned lands was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION LAND—BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (H. R. 5840) to authorize the Hawaiian Homes Commission to exchange certain Hawaiian Homes Commission land and certain easements for certain privately owned land was announced as next in order.

Mr. GORE. Mr. President, I ask for an explanation of this bill, particularly whether or not a privately owned tap line easement is involved.

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. Mr. President, this bill is similar to the preceding bill, except that the authority granted by this bill permits the exchange of Hawaiian Homes Commission land for a certain tract of privately owned land. The exchange will permit the Commission to carry out in a more efficient manner its program of making lands available to those of native Hawaiian blood.

Adequate safeguards have been written into the bill. The bill is approved by the Department of the Interior and there is no objection by the Bureau of the Budget.

No cost to the Federal Government is involved.

Mr. GORE. Mr. President, it appears that a private tapline easement is being

transferred by the pending bill. Does the Senator know whether or not that is the case?

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. There is nothing in the bill which indicates it to the chairman of the committee.

Mr. GORE. Mr. President, if the Senator will look at the title itself he will see that the bill is described as an act "to authorize the Hawaiian Homes Commission to exchange certain Hawaiian Homes Commission land and certain easements for certain privately owned land."

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. Yes.

Mr. GORE. The report also makes reference to it. It is not clear to me just what is being conveyed or transferred, or the occasion therefor.

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. The exchange is intended, at least, to be to the advantage of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

So far as the bill relates to a privately owned line, it does not actually require the transfer, but merely authorizes and empowers the Hawaiian Homes Commission to transfer the land. The exchange is to be based upon a finding of three appraisers appointed by the Governor that the privately owned lands to be acquired are of a value equal to or greater than that of the public lands to be exchanged therefor.

Mr. GORE. I find entirely worthy the transfer of the lands, but there is still a question in my mind as to the necessity or desirability of transferring certain easements. I, therefore, ask that the bill go over to the next call of the calendar.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the bill will be passed over.

EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS FOR PRIVATE LANDS IN HAWAII

The bill (H. R. 5833) to authorize the Commissioner of Public Lands of the Territory of Hawaii to exchange certain public lands for private lands of equal value required for school purposes was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (H. R. 2844) providing that the ratification of the Revenue Bond Act of 1935, enacted by the legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, shall apply to all amendments of said act made by said legislature to and including the acts of the 1953 regular session of said legislature, and to all extensions of the period for issuance and delivery of revenue bonds thereunder, heretofore, or hereafter enacted by said legislature, was announced as next in order.

Mr. SCHOEPPLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over to the next regular calendar call.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the bill will be passed over.

AMENDMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

The bill (H. R. 6888) to amend sections 201 (a) and 207 (a) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS OF WAIMEA COUNTY, HAWAII

The bill (H. R. 6328) authorizing the exchange of certain public lands in the vicinity of Waimea County of Hawaii, in the Territory of Hawaii, for certain privately owned lands was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

EXTENSION OF ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER FRANCHISE ON THE ISLAND OF KAUAI

The bill (H. R. 6890) to approve act No. 27 of the Session Laws of 1951 of the Territory of Hawaii, entitled "An act to amend act 24 of the Session Laws of Hawaii 1927, as ratified by the Act of Congress of March 2, 1928, so as to extend the electric light and power franchise granted by said act to cover the entire districts of Waimea and Koloa on the Island of Kauai, Territory of Hawaii" was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (S. 2900) to authorize the sale of certain land in Alaska to the Harding Lake Camp, Inc., of Fairbanks, Alaska, for use as a youth camp, and related purposes, was announced as next in order.

Mr. GORE. Over.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be passed over.

SALE OF CERTAIN LAND TO THE BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The bill (H. R. 2016) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain land to the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

CONTINUANCE OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

The bill (S. 3318) to provide for a continuance of civil government for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

Whereas, pursuant to the authority of Public Law 204, 80th Congress, approved July 18, 1947, the President approved a trusteeship agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands between the United States Government and the Security Council of the United Nations; and

Whereas responsibility for civil administration of the trust territory was vested in the Secretary of the Navy by Executive Order No. 9875 of July 18, 1947; and

Whereas responsibility for such administration was transferred to the Secretary of the Interior, effective July 1, 1951, by Executive Order No. 10265 of June 29, 1951, as amended by Executive Order No. 10408 of November 10, 1952, and Executive Order No. 10470 of July 17, 1953: Therefore

Be it enacted, etc., That until Congress shall further provide for the government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, all executive, legislative, and judicial authority necessary for the civil administration of the trust territory shall continue to be vested in such person or persons and shall be exercised in such manner and through such agency or agencies as the President of the United States may direct or authorize.

Sec. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, not in excess of \$7,500,000 per year, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Mr. ELLENDER subsequently said: I ask unanimous consent to reconsider the voted by which Calendar 1504, S. 3318, was passed. This is a bill to provide for a continuance of civil government for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. I desire to ask a few questions with respect to it.

Mr. KNOWLAND. Mr. President, would the distinguished Senator from Louisiana be willing to withhold his request for a moment? The distinguished Senator from Oregon [Mr. CORDON] is momentarily outside the Chamber.

Mr. ELLENDER. The distinguished senior Senator from Nebraska [Mr. BUTLER] who is chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs is present; perhaps I can obtain from him an answer to the questions I wish to propound.

Mr. President, I again ask unanimous consent that the vote by which Calendar 1504, S. 3318, was passed be reconsidered.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Mr. ELLENDER. Were any hearings held on the bill?

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. No, no hearings were held. I may say that there is no authorization for the appropriation, as I understand. The bill is to take care of a technical situation for the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. ELLENDER. As I understand, the bill simply extends the existing law. Is my understanding correct?

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. The Senator is correct.

Mr. ELLENDER. I have been looking for a copy of the existing law. Has the authorization for appropriations to operate the civil governments in the Territories involved been increased?

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. My understanding is that under this authorization there is a limitation; under the old authorization there was no limitation.

Mr. ELLENDER. Is the Senator certain of that? Under a rule of the Senate, as I understand, if the existing law is proposed to be amended, that portion of the law to be amended is required to be printed in the report, and the new matter to be inserted is also required to be

printed in the report. The report accompanying the pending bill does not comply with that rule.

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. I regret that I cannot answer the Senator's question directly. The whole purpose of the bill is to make it possible to provide essential civil government in the trust territory of the Pacific Islands.

Mr. ELLENDER. I understand that it is to take care of the situation until Congress passes an act relative to the establishment of a permanent civil government in certain islands in the Pacific entrusted to us. Some Senators have felt that the amount being appropriated each year to operate the civil government in the trust territory has been encroaching. That is why I am seeking information.

Mr. BUTLER of Nebraska. I do not have before me the amount which is requested this time, but I am quite certain that the amount now being requested is less than was requested heretofore.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, may I have the attention of the distinguished senior Senator from Oregon?

Does the amount of money requested for the continuation of the civil government for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands this year represent an increase over the amounts previously requested?

Mr. CORDON. I cannot answer the Senator accurately. According to my memory, it is the same.

Mr. ELLENDER. As the Senator recalls, I think he brought up the question as to the renewal or the extension of the law, and I was interested in ascertaining the amount of the authorization.

Mr. CORDON. My memory tells me that the amount is the same. I do not wish to make a positive statement that it is exactly the same, when I am not certain.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, a parliamentary inquiry.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator will state it.

Mr. ELLENDER. Am I correct in my understanding of the rules of the Senate that when an existing law is amended or modified, the part of the act which is to be amended must be reprinted in the report accompanying the bill, and the changes must be shown?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. According to the information given to the Chair, the Senator is correct.

Mr. ELLENDER. The report does not contain such information. That requirement has not been met in this case. That is why I am compelled to ask for information. It is not in the report at all, and I think it ought to be there to show exactly what is sought to be excluded from or added to the present law.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Does the Senator from Louisiana object to the consideration of the bill?

Mr. ELLENDER. Suppose we let the matter stand for a while so that we can get the information. I ask that the bill go to the foot of the calendar.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the bill will go to the foot of the calendar.

Mr. ELLENDER subsequently said: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Calendar No. 1504, S. 3318, a bill to provide for a continuance of civil government for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, be considered at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, I have just learned from the distinguished Senator from Oregon that the amount of the authorization is the same as now exists in the law. Therefore, I withdraw any objection I may have had to the consideration of the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill (S. 3318) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

The preamble was agreed to.

APPORTIONMENT OF WATERS OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 3336) to promote the apportionment of the waters of the Columbia River and tributaries for irrigation and other purposes by including the State of Nevada among the States authorized to negotiate a compact providing for such apportionment, which had been reported from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with an amendment, on page 1, line 10, after the name "Nevada", to insert a semicolon and the words "and after 'Oregon,' the following: 'Utah,'"; so as to make the bill read:

Be it enacted, etc., That the act entitled "An act granting the consent of Congress to the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact for the disposition, allocation, diversion, and apportionment of the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries, and for other purposes," approved July 16, 1952 (66 Stat. 737), is amended by inserting after "Montana", the following: "Nevada,"; and after "Oregon," the following: "Utah."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to promote the apportionment of the waters of the Columbia River and tributaries for irrigation and other purposes by including the States of Nevada and Utah among the States authorized to negotiate a compact providing for such apportionment."

TRANSFER OF SITE OF FORT BUFORD, N. DAK., TO THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

The bill (H. R. 107) to provide for the transfer of the site of the original Fort Buford, N. Dak., to the State of North Dakota was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

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H. R. 107

AN ACT

To provide for the transfer of the site of the original Fort Buford, North Dakota, to the State of North Dakota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of May 3, 1950 (64 Stat. 98; 40 U. S. C. 440) the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to consent to a grant, donation, and conveyance by the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation to the State of North Dakota, for the use by the North Dakota State Historical Society, of that portion of the site of the original Fort Buford, North Dakota, which is more particularly described as follows: Fort Buford,
N. Dak.
Conveyance.

68 Stat. 257.
68 Stat. 258.

Beginning at a point on the east-west quarter line, said point being located south eighty-nine degrees fifty-four minutes east two thousand three hundred and fifteen feet from the west quarter corner of section 16, in township 152 north, range 104 west, of the fifth principal meridian, Williams County, North Dakota; thence north no degrees six minutes east one thousand four hundred feet; thence south eighty-nine degrees fifty-four minutes east one thousand feet; thence south no degrees six minutes west one thousand four hundred feet to the quarter line; thence along east-west quarter line north eighty-nine degrees fifty-four minutes west one thousand feet to the point of beginning, containing thirty-two and fourteen one-hundredths acres, more or less, in said section.

SEC. 2. The conveyance authorized in the first section shall not be made until the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota and the North Dakota Rural Rehabilitation Corporation have assented thereto. Restriction.

Approved June 18, 1954

